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Berne, December 20.

THE Deputies which this Canton ſent laſt Summer to Lauſane to viſit that Academy, ſuſpected here of ſeveral Errors in Matters of Religion, have begun to make their Report to the Senate or Little Council; but it is thought the Opinion of the moderate People of this State will be followed, who are for dropping entirely this Matter, as the beſt Means to preſerve Peace amongſt the Clergy of this Country.

Hague, Dec. 26. The States General having ſome Days ago diſpatched an Expreſs to Madrid, with a Letter to the King of Spain, notifying their Acceſſion to the Treaty of Quadruple Alliance with all its ſecret and ſeparate Articles; their High Mightineſſes did on the 23d Inſtant proceed to order the following Placart to be publiſhed.

THE States General of the United Netherlands, to all who ſhall ſee theſe preſents, or hear them read, Greeting: Whereas of late Complaints have been made to us on the Part of the Powers engaged in the War againſt Spain, touching the ſending of Contrabrand Goods to Spain, notwithſtanding that by the Treaties of Navigation and Commerce ſubſiſting between ſome of thoſe Powers and us, the Subjects of this State are prohibited from ſupplying their Enemies with Contraband Goods; and it being our Intention faithfully to obſerve and perform the ſaid Treaties, and thereby to prevent all Inconveniencies and Troubles that might ariſe from the Breach of them; we have therefore thought fit to direct and order, as by theſe Preſents we do direct and order, that no Subject of this State or any other Perſon, ſhall export or cauſe to be exported out of theſe Provinces, to any Place in the Dominions of the King of Spain, any Goods or Merchandize which by the Treaties between us and ſome of the Powers, engaged in the War againſt Spain, are declared to be Contraband, and are ſpecified in the ſaid Treaties; on the Penalty to thoſe who ſhall offend herein, of Forfeiture not only of all ſuch Contraband Goods, but alſo of the full Value thereof over and above; and likewiſe of a Fine of 2000 Gulders to be paid by the Maſters and Owners on whoſe Ships ſuch Contraband Goods ſhall be laden.

Their High Mightineſſes did likewiſe on the 23d Inſtant, give Direction for ſending this Placart to the ſeveral Chambers of Admiralty, with ſtrict Orders to ſee to the putting it in Execution. And that the ſame may not be eluded on Pretence of ſending ſuch Contraband Goods to Portugal, Italy, or other Parts in the Neighbourhood of Spain, the ſaid Chambers of Admiralty are charged not to ſuffer any Contraband Goods to be exported for thoſe ſuſpected Countries without taking Security of the Exporters, for double the Value, that the ſaid Goods ſhall be carried to and unladen at the Places for which the ſame are declared to be ſhipt; proper Certificates of which their Unlading ſhall, within a convenient Time to be limited by the ſaid Chambers of Admiralty, according to the Diſtance of the reſpective Places, be produced by the Exporters, in Default of which Proceſs is to be iſſued againſt them.

This Proceeding of the States General for preventing the ſupplying Spain with Contraband Goods, is the more taken Notice of, becauſe during the late War againſt France and Spain, their High Mightineſſes could not be prevailed upon, by all the Inſtances that were made to them on the Part of their Allies, to publiſh any ſuch Placart.

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